

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Application of Questar)
Gas Company to Amortize the Energy) DOCKET NO. 13-057-09
Efficiency Deferred Account Balance) ORDER SETTING FINAL RATES

ISSUED: January 24, 2014

SYNOPSIS

Based on the December 12, 2013, memorandum of the Division of Public Utilities providing the results of its audit, the Commission makes final the rates and charges originally set as interim by previous order.

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of Utah (“Commission”) on the recommendation of the Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) to make final the interim rates ordered as just and reasonable and in the public interest by the Commission in a prior order. These rates are set to recover costs associated with amortizing Questar Gas Company’s (“Questar”) Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance.

Based on Questar’s application, the Division’s and Office of Consumer Services’ (“Office”) recommendations, and the testimony presented at the hearing, on September 25, 2013, the Commission approved Questar’s request to increase the amortization rate for Questar’s energy efficiency programs, with an effective date of October 1, 2013.¹ The Commission approved this rate on an interim basis pending a Division audit of Questar’s actual energy efficiency program expenditures.

¹ See Order Confirming Bench Rulings, and Erratum Order Confirming Bench Rulings, issued October 11, 2013, and October 28, 2013, respectively, in Docket No. 13-057-09.

On December 12, 2013, the Division filed its audit results of Questar's actual energy efficiency program expenditures for the ten-month period ending July 31, 2013. The Division notes it used a judgmental sample rather than a random sample for testing purposes. The judgmental sample was based on the personal experience of the auditor and the auditor's familiarity with each energy efficiency program.

In its audit, the Division discovered an expense incorrectly coded to the Utah ThermWise program, totaling approximately \$2,000. This expense should have been coded to the Wyoming ThermWise program. The Division represents Questar verified the removal of these expenses from the Utah ThermWise program in September 2013. The Division also states it reconciled sampled invoices and supporting documentation to the amounts presented in Questar Exhibit 1.2, page 2, filed in Questar's application. Based on the foregoing information, the Division recommends the Commission approve the rate changes requested in this docket as final rates.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Based on Questar's application, our September 25, 2013, decision, and the audit report and recommendation of the Division, we find the requested rate change for amortizing the Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance is just and reasonable and in the public interest.

ORDER

The interim rate change requested by Questar Gas Company to amortize the Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance in this docket is placed in effect on a final basis.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 24th day of January, 2014.

/s/ Ron Allen, Chairman

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Thad LeVar, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
Commission Secretary
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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the Commission within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the Commission fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the Commission's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on the 24th day of January, 2014, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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